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March 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: **JACK MARSH**
FROM: **RUSS ROURKE**
SUBJECT: **McKINLEY - BARKLEY DESK**

Jack, you will recall the memo from Spoff Canfield to Max concerning the requested return of the McKinley - Barkley desk (or Wilson desk) from the White House to the Vice President's ceremonial office in the Capitol.

We have now determined for certain that the specific desk to which Spoff makes reference (S-4966) is, indeed, the desk presently being used by the President in the Oval Office.

Upon learning this information, Spoff agreed to delay his request until President Ford leaves office.

Case closed.

cc: Max Friedersdorf
RAR:cb



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Attach to
my memo
to JOM on
this subject



24 Feb

Recd that ~~sent~~ is in the Oval
Office - Rex ~~Stokes~~

4966

says he is certain
that that is the McE. -

Barbrey Recd. - at my
request, but is doubtful
checking - WCB -



25 Feb - Scouten checking w/ Capitol Curator
to determine date F. O. & next step -

Rex Scouter - x2650

GSA type -

(Frost) -

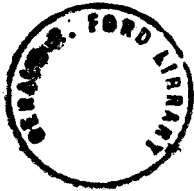


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

R -

you're the furniture
man. Can you
give the Senate
back their desk?

M



FEB 18 1975

February 17, 1975

Dear Spoff:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your memorandum regarding the return of the McKinley-Barkley desk to the Vice President's Ceremonial Office in the Capitol.

I shall be pleased to forward your communication to proper hands for appropriate action.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

Mr. Spofford Canfield
Administrative Assistant to
The President of the Senate
S212 - The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

MLF:jg

✓ doc Jack Marsh w/inc. for appropriate handling



FEB 13 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

M. G.

In regard to the request from Spoff Canfield for return of the desk, the Senate Sergeant at Arms decal number is 4966.

R -

Please Atm +

handle -

M





OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

FEB 14 1975

February 13, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS

SUBJECT:

McKinley-Barkley Desk

This will serve to confirm the Senate's interest in having the McKinley-Barkley Desk returned to its traditional home -- the Vice President's Ceremonial Office in the Capitol.

For your information, I have enclosed two pieces of correspondence that will give you some background on this matter.

Attachments

Spofford Canfield
Administrative Assistant to
The President of the Senate





OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

February 13, 1975

WASHINGTON

Honorable William H. Wannall
Sergeant at Arms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bill:

As we discussed the other day, I have initiated an effort to have the McKinley-Barkley desk returned to its rightful place in the Ceremonial Office.

You will recall that the desk was loaned, temporarily, to the White House at the request of President Nixon. It is my hope that the desk will be returned as expeditiously as possible.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

H. Spofford Canfield
Administrative Assistant to
The President of the Senate

bcc: Max Friedersdorf ✓



MIKE MANSFIELD
MONTANA

Handwritten scribbles and numbers, possibly "1-21-69"

United States Senate
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D.C.

January 21, 1969

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As requested, the McKinley-Barkley desk which you used in the Capitol Office while serving as Vice President, was moved to the White House on January 20, 1969. This desk, bearing property decal of the Sergeant at Arms, United States Senate, Number 4966, is to be on loan to the White House during your term as President.

May we express the hope that you will enjoy using this historic desk and that it will serve you well as you carry out the responsibilities of your office.

Sincerely,

Mike Mansfield
Majority Leader
United States Senate

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Minority Leader
United States Senate

Handwritten signature of Everett McKinley Dirksen



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

2 Feb

Spoff double checked
on desk location -
thought it was the
one in extra room.


WCB



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 25, 1975

Memorandum for: Russell Rourke
Assistant to John Marsh

From: Rex Scouten - Chief Usher 

The McKinley-Barkley
Desk S-4966 is the one presently being
used by the President in the Oval Office.





FEB 25 1974

FEB 14 1975

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